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TO VIENNA

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1. THE ACABQ REPORT TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON UN ACCOMMODATIONS (A/31/452 OF DECEMBER 16, 1976) STATED QTE... THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT ALL COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRANSFER OF EXTRABUDGETARY STAFF TO VIENNA WOULD BE BORNE BY THE FUNDS CONCERNED. UNQTE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON UN ACCOMMODATIONS (A/C.5/31/34 NOVEMBER 11, 1976) WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS IN BOTH THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IN THE PLENARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE US CONCURRING IN THE CONSENSUS (A/C.5/31/L.45, DECEMBER 16, 1976).

2. FOLLOWING FIFTH COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON UN ACCOMMODATIONS, AND AFTER MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD SPOKEN IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, THE USDEL (STOTTLEMYER) MADE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION
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OF VOTE:

QTE THE UNITED STATES WAS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY AUSTRIA ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS THE AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED THEREIN. IT DID SO ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PROCEED ON THE FIRST

PHASE OF HIS RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION AND THAT IT PROVIDES A REASONABLE FRAMEWORK FOR FOLLOWING THROUGH THEREAFTER WITHOUT OBLIGATING THE TRANSFER OF ALL OF THE UNITS SUGGESTED IN HIS REPORT. PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT SPEAKS OF THE BASIS ON WHICH THE TRANSFER OBJECTIVE QTE MIGHT BE ACHIEVED UNQTE, AND HIS OBSERVATIONS ON PHASE III UNDERSCORE THE PURELY TENTATIVE NATURE OF THE CHOICE OF UNITS TO BE TRANSFERRED SINCE HE MAKES REFERENCE TO QTE FURTHER POSSIBILITIES UNQTE. MY DELEGATION PLACES THIS UNDERSTANDING ON RECORD BECAUSE, DURING THE COURSE OF CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM, FACTORS HAVE BEEN RAISED WHICH MAY INDICATE THAT ONE OR MORE UNITS OF THE SECRETARIAT REFERRED TO IN PHASE II, AS WELL AS PHASE III, SHOULD NOT, IN FACT, BE TRANSFERRED. THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUND PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT, WE BELIEVE MUST BE ACCORDED A MEASURE OF DISCRETION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UNQTE

3. THE BASIS FOR COMPUTATION OF THE COSTS OF TRANSFERRING ALL PERSONNEL FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA MAY BE FOUND IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6, ANNEX IV OF A/C.5/31/34. THE ONE-TIME COST OF THIS TRANSFER (TRAVEL OF PRINCIPAL AND DEPENDENTS; SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF TRANSFEREES; AND PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT) WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 PER PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER IN THAT REPORT. THIS INDEX HAS BEEN USED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UN BUDGET OFFICE TO ARRIVE AT THE GLOBAL TOTAL OF \$458,000 ESTIMATE AS THE COST FOR TRANSFER OF 49 PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN THE THREE UN DRUG AGENCIES FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA. THE AMOUNT OF \$63,000 WHICH IS TO BE CHARGED TO UNFDAC FUNDS IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN SEVEN FORTH-NINTHS OF THE TOTAL OF THIS ESTIMATE. IT IS EVIDENT, THEREFORE, THAT THE UN PROPOSES TO CHARGE UNFDAC FUND ONLY FOR THE COST OF TRANSFERRING THOSE SEVEN PROFESSIONAL STAFF ACTUALLY EMPLOYED IN THE UNFDAC SECRETARIAT, WHILE THE REGULAR UN ASSESSMENT IS TO BE CHARGED FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE TWO UNFDAC PERSONNEL AT THE INCB AND THE NINE UNFDAC PERSONNEL AT THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

4. THE UNITED NATIONS INTENTIONS IN THE FUNDING OF THIS TRANSFER ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION THE UNITED STATES ADOPTED IN THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FUNDING THE SHIFT OF UN UNITS FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA. MOREOVER, THE UN'S INTENTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, I.E., THAT UNFDAC FUNDS SHOULD BE USED ONLY TO FUND THE TRANSFER OF UNFDAC SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL. USUN THEREFORE CONCLUDES THAT THE DEMARCHE REQUESTED IN REFTEL IS UNNECESSARY.

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